

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3921
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EXCESS SPENDING BY INDIAN MISSIONS ABROAD
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that Indian Missions abroad are incurring huge expenditure every month;
- (b) if, so, the details of expenditure incurred during each of the last three years, country-wise;
- (c) whether various austerity measures announced from time to time are not being followed by the Indian Missions abroad;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether any concrete plans have been formulated to check the excess expenditure by the Indian Missions ; and
- (f) if so, the time by which these plans are likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

- (a) No. The expenditure by Missions/Posts abroad is incurred in accordance with budgetary allocation made for them by the Ministry.
- (b) Does not arise
- (c) The Missions/ Posts are advised from time to time to strictly observe economy in their expenditure in accordance with the guidelines on the subject. For example, economy guidelines regarding 25% curtailment of Daily Allowance, ban on purchase of new vehicles, ban on replacement of vehicles without specific approval of the Ministry etc. are being followed by Missions/Posts.
- (d), (e) & (f) Do not arise;